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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1617**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuki SASAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Application No.: 10/015,611

Examiner: L. Wells

Filed: December 17, 2001

Docket No.: 111482

For: RESIN POWDER FOR DERMATOLOGIC COMPOSITION, SKIN CLEANSING AGENT AND COSMETIC COMPOSITION USING THE POWDER, AND PREPARATION PROCESS OF THE POWDER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 21, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application, claims 18-22 having been withdrawn from consideration.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Claims 1-4 and 7-17

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 7-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japanese Patent Application Publication JP 2001-151639 to Kenji Yasuda. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.